GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4192
ANSWERED ON:28.03.2017
Entitlement for Women under NFSA
Jayadevan Shri C. N.

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Food Security Act states that at least Rs. 6000 shall be provided to all pregnant and lactating women for which the Government needs to launch a scheme;
(b) if so, the time line by which the Government plans to make this entitlement available to all women in the country;
(c) the budgetary allocation in the current year for this purpose; and
(d) the estimated number of women who would be eligible for this entitlement and the coverage of women during the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and estimated coverage for 2017-18, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) & (b): The National Food Security Act provides for maternity benefit of not less than Rs. 6000/- to every pregnant woman and lactating mother (PW&LM), except those in regular employment with the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking or those in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force, as per the scheme of the Central Government. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme, namely, Maternity Benefit Programme (erstwhile Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana) since 2010 in 53 districts of the country on pilot basis. Under the scheme, maternity benefits of Rs.6,000/- per beneficiary is provided in two equal installments to PW&LM on fulfillment of certain conditions stipulated under the scheme.
The Government of India has approved pan-India implementation of the Maternity Benefit Programme to cover all the districts of the country. The programme envisages payment of Rs.6,000/- to all eligible PW&LM except those in regular employment with the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force.
(c) There is a budget provision of Rs.400.00 crore for implementation of the Programme during the financial year 2016-17.
(d) The estimated number of beneficiaries with the pan India implementation of the Maternity Benefit Programme is about 51.70 lakh beneficiaries. The beneficiary coverage, as reported by States/UTs, during 2015-16 and 2016-17 under the Programme is at Annexure.
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ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4192 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.03.2017 IN LOK SABHA
Statement showing State/UT-wise details of beneficiaries covered, as reported by States/UTs, under the Maternity Benefit Programme [erstwhile Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY)] during the year 2015-16 and 2016-17
Sl. No.
States/UTs
2015-16
2016-17
1
Andhra Pradesh
6768
NR
2
Arunachal Pradesh
334
NR
3
Assam
NR
NR
4
Bihar
NR
19284
5
Chhattisgarh
NR
NR
6

Goa
3113
2171
7
Gujarat
27812
16508
8
Haryana
3843
2538
9
Himachal Pradesh
6126
5614
10
Jammu & Kashmir
6585
NR
11
Jharkhand
7576
NR
12
Karnataka
26933
NR
13
Kerala
12288
NR
14
Madhya Pradesh
51268
67076
15
Maharashtra
42752
NR
16
Manipur
NR
NR
17
Meghalaya
NR
NR
18
Mizoram
Nil
NR
19
Nagaland
NR
NR
20
Odisha
41699
23220
21
Punjab
NR
NR
22
Rajasthan
31037
27905
23
Sikkim
124
0

24
Tamil Nadu
43198
30242
25
Telangana
6409
8334
26
Tripura
2360
1914
27
Uttar Pradesh
0
NR
28
Uttarakhand
5213
NR
29
West Bengal
NR
NR
30
Delhi
9425
NR
31
Andaman & Nicobar Islands
1197
NR
32
Puducherry
NR
NR
33
Chandigarh
277
NR
34
Daman & Diu
414
NR
35
Dadra & Nagar Haveli
159
NR
36
Lakshadweep
NR
NR
Total
336910
207720
* NR − Not Reported.
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